

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-9 and 16-18, drawn to Digital Image Processing involving communication, classified in class 358, subclass 1.15; and

Group II, claims 10-15 and 19-21, drawn to Data Processing: Business Practice involving specific printing, classified in class 705, subclass 408.

**For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-9 and 16-18.**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael K. Mutter (Reg. No. 29,680) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

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required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;  
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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